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March 15, 2005

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Federal Election Commission  
Washington, DC 20463

RE: C00076299 CME/PAC, Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. PAC  
Amended October Monthly Report (9/01/04 - 9/30/04), received 11/16/04  
Amended 12-Day Pre-General Report (10/01/04 - 10/13/04), received 11/16/04

Dear Ms. Sagri:

In response to your letter dated February 16, 2005, the CME/PAC provides the following explanation of the inadvertent mistakes that required us to file the above amended reports.

The CME/PAC administrator who files all of our reports was on medical leave from August 19, 2004, through September 16, 2004. The responsibility for maintaining records concerning the distribution of contribution checks was assumed for that period by another individual. On October 6, after returning from medical leave, the administrator filed the October monthly report in the belief that all checks distributed were identified in the records maintained during her absence. The same was true with respect to the filing of the Pre-General Report on October 15, 2004. However, she discovered that some checks had been distributed in her absence without being recorded.

As soon as the error was discovered, amended reports were prepared and electronically submitted on November 16, 2004. The amended reports include the previously omitted disbursements totaling \$10,500 in the October Monthly Report and \$25,000 in the Pre-General Report. The amended reports correctly include all checks distributed during the above-mentioned time period.

The need to submit the amended reports resulted from inadvertent human mistakes which were promptly remedied. We shall take steps to ensure that such errors do not recur. As you will note from our filing record over a period of many years, we have always filed our reports on time and will continue to do so in the future. If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Ronald A. Pankau  
Secretary/Treasurer